

Respondent Name
Charles Ames
Complainant Name
Conner Edwards
Complaint Description
<p>Conner Edwards reported via the portal (Thu, 15 Feb 2024 at 6:21 PM)</p> <p>Description of Complaint</p> <p>This candidate failed to timely file the required 21-day pre-primary report, the required 7-day pre-primary report, and the required post-primary report.</p> <p>By any objective measure, it is unacceptable that the PDC would take no action to help bring this filer into compliance now that the statute of limitations is rapidly approaching. The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing filing requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor the filings of candidates and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.</p> <p>I have tried many different times to get the PDC to take action on this type of issue with no tangible results whatsoever. At one point, I believe the agency discussed the possibility of internally flagging non-filers in the PDC's system and proactively reaching out to them to bring them into compliance, but it appears this is not happening.</p> <p>Having exhausted all of my other options to pursue reform, the only remaining option available to me to compel the agency to take action here is to file PDC complaints against these noncompliant filers in an effort to force the agency to take action.</p> <p>By highlighting the agency's failure to meaningfully enforce current reporting deadlines, my hope is that the agency will look to improve its own enforcement procedures and help candidates and treasurers comply with the law.</p> <p>Notice to Respondents:</p> <p>I apologize to you for any inconvenience caused by this complaint; it is not my intention.</p> <p>No campaign treasurer or campaign/committee is perfect. Trying to comply with the myriad of requirements and deadlines the PDC enforces can be extremely difficult, even for those who have been doing this for years. The agency could adopt any number of strategies to help filers "get it right" when it comes to deadlines and other requirements. Some of these strategies might include: a) automated electronic filing reminders to a filer when they have missed a deadline, b) mandatory attendance in a PDC training course before a person is allowed to serve as treasurer, c) giving filers 48 hours to file 21- & 7-day pre-election reports as opposed to the 24 hours candidates currently get, and d) improvements to the ORCA online campaign finance filing system to improve useability.</p> <p>In my opinion, the agency has failed to provide many filers with the knowledge and tools that they need to file reports on time and be compliant.</p> <p>If you are confused by the filing requirements that the agency enforces or are experiencing technical difficulties and/or usability issues with the ORCA system, please be sure to indicate this in your response to the PDC: your comments will provide valuable feedback for the agency.</p>
What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?
<p>Because this candidate has not timely filed one or more required reports, members of the public are unable to view up to date financial information, significantly reducing transparency available to voters.</p> <p>The PDC has an obligation to provide transparency to the voters by enforcing filing requirements. The agency's failure to actively monitor the filings of candidates and enforce filing requirements damages both the public and the candidates themselves.</p> <p>It is imperative that PDC staff reach out to this candidate immediately to bring them into compliance.</p>
List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found
PDC Website.
List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

See respondent contact info on PDC website.

Certification (Complainant)

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Charles Ames

Chas Ames

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Registration Filed

Candidate

Full Reporting

Submitted date: 05/01/2023

Certified by kinsmed@yahoo.com

2023

AMESC--499

Candidacy

Charles Ames

City Of Lakewood

City Council Member

Position City Council Member Position 4

kinsmed@yahoo.com

Bank Information

Harborstone Credit Union

6019 Lake Grove St. SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

To schedule books review contact kinsmed@yahoo.com

Officers

Candidate is treasurer.

Attachments

Name	Description
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Charles Ames (Chas Ames) - 2023

Candidate Information

Office:

CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

Jurisdiction:

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Registration:

May 01, 2023

Address:

P. O. Box 4250
McChord, wa 98438

Email:

kinsmed@gmail.com

Phone:

2533044415

Financial Information

Campaign Starting Balance:

\$0.00

Contributions Amount:

\$0.00

Loans Amount:

\$0.00

Total Receipts:

\$0.00

Expenditures:

\$0.00

Pledges:

\$0.00

Debt Amount:

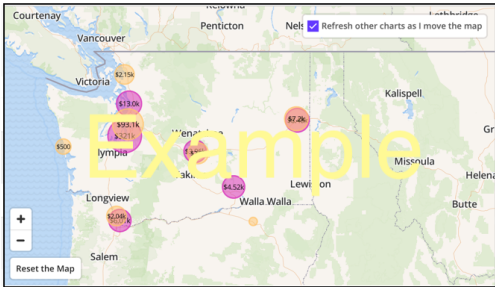
\$0.00

Independent Expenditures for/against:

None reported.

Status
<div><div>Primary Election Status:</div><div>Lost in primary</div></div> <div><div>Campaign Status:</div><div>Candidate declared</div></div>

Reports
<div>Candidate’s Personal Financial Affairs disclosure</div> <div>Candidate’s surplus funds account</div>

Map the campaign’s contributors and vendors
<div></div>

Made to candidate for 2023

Contributions

See who has contributed cash and in-kind (non-monetary) contributions to the campaign.

No contributions reported.

Made by candidate for 2023

Expenditures

See how the campaign has spent money, and what kind of goods and services it received as in-kind contributions.

Expenditures made by candidate for 2023

Candidates Registered for this Office

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 entries Search:

Candidate	↕ Contributions ↘	Expenditures ↕
<u>Ryan Pearson</u>	\$16,847.37	\$15,109.77
<u>J Paul Wagemann (Paul Wagemann)</u>	\$3,912.50	\$3,912.50

Candidate	↕ Contributions ▼	Expenditures ↕
<u>Charles Ames (Chas Ames)</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Spending for and against this candidate

Independent Expenditures

Independent expenditures are made by third parties that are not part of a candidate's campaign.

No Independent Expenditures reported.

Incurred by candidate

Debts

This information shows the debt for the campaign as of the submission date of the related report.

Outstanding debt for campaign is \$0.00

Campaign Finance Reports

See the reports filed by the candidate. Reports with a strikethrough were amended by another report.

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Period	Report Number	Filed	Report	Form Type	Election Year
05/19/2023 - 05/31/2023	110150458	06/06/2023	View Report	C4	2023
06/01/2023 - 06/30/2023	110157114	07/09/2023	View Report	C4	2023
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FILE ONLINE

August 1, 2023 Primary

Last updated on 08/15/2023 10:30 AM

Number of Precincts	523
Number of Registered Voters	413,143
Total Ballots Counted	102,421
Estimated Ballots Left to Count	
Next Ballot Count On	FINAL
Last Tabulated	08/15/2023 10:30 AM
Voter Turnout	24.79%
Certification Date	08/15/2023
Export Results	CSV · XML Precincts CSV

County

COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 2 County Council No. 2		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Paul Herrera (Prefers Republican Party)	10,842	54.94%
Jamie Smith (Prefers Democratic Party)	8,848	44.83%
WRITE-IN	45	0.23%
Total Votes	19,735	
Precinct Results »		

Library

SUMNER LIBRARY CAPITAL FACILITY AREA Proposition No. 1		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	1,383	68.57%
No	634	31.43%
Total Votes	2,017	
Precinct Results »		

City/Town

CITY OF AUBURN Council Position No. 5

*Multi-county race. Results include only Pierce County.

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Robyn Mulenga	460	43.36%
Clinton Taylor	466	43.92%
Adeeb Altallal	132	12.44%
WRITE-IN	3	0.28%
Total Votes	1,061	

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CITY OF AUBURN Council Position No. 7
*Multi-county race. Results include only Pierce County.

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Brian Lott	365	34.4%
Hanan Amer	658	62.02%
Ofa Langi	37	3.49%
WRITE-IN	1	0.09%
Total Votes	1,061	

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CITY OF BONNEY LAKE Council Pos. 4

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
J Kelly McClimans	1,319	48.78%
Tom Watson	1,071	39.61%
Leia Timm-McKenrick	305	11.28%
WRITE-IN	9	0.33%
Total Votes	2,704	

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CITY OF EDGEWOOD Mayor

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Dave Olson	1,200	42.69%

Christi Keith	467	16.61%
Tyron J. Christopherson	637	22.66%
Ryan Day	502	17.86%
WRITE-IN	5	0.18%
Total Votes	2,811	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF FIRCREST Council Pos. 4		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Karen Mauer-Smith	908	53.66%
Chris Sommerville	188	11.11%
Brian Rybolt	593	35.05%
WRITE-IN	3	0.18%
Total Votes	1,692	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF FIRCREST Council Pos. 5		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Hunter T. George	1,011	58.78%
Vince Navarre	562	32.67%
Louisa Beal	144	8.37%
WRITE-IN	3	0.17%
Total Votes	1,720	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF LAKEWOOD Council Pos. 4		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Ryan Pearson	2,623	35.99%
Charles Ames	1,432	19.65%
Paul Wagemann	3,131	42.96%

WRITE-IN	103	1.41%
Total Votes	7,289	
Precinct Results »		

City of Pacific Mayor *Multi-county race. Results include only Pierce County.		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Vic Kave	5	83.33%
Kerry G. Garberding	1	16.67%
Nancy Franklin	0	
WRITE-IN	0	
Total Votes	6	
Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »		

CITY OF PUYALLUP COUNCIL DIST. 2 Council Dist. 2 Pos. 1		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Dean Johnson	1,316	49.05%
Joe Colombo	837	31.2%
Mark Palmer	516	19.23%
WRITE-IN	14	0.52%
Total Votes	2,683	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF TACOMA Proposition No. 1		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Approved	20,171	67.44%
Rejected	9,739	32.56%
Total Votes	29,910	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF TACOMA Council at Large Pos. 8		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %

Kristina Walker	19,923	69.52%
Todd Briske	5,157	17.99%
Hunter Henderson	3,240	11.31%
WRITE-IN	339	1.18%
Total Votes	28,659	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF TACOMA COUNCIL DIST. 3 Council Dist. 3		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Malando Redeemer	830	17.08%
Jamika Scott	2,045	42.08%
Chris Van Vechten	1,522	31.32%
Sheldon Greyell	236	4.86%
John Frazier	198	4.07%
WRITE-IN	29	0.6%
Total Votes	4,860	
Precinct Results »		

CITY OF TACOMA Civil Service Pos. 3		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Jonathan Cassis	5,482	19.87%
Max J. Heller III	7,840	28.41%
Myrah Lyle Ballentine	13,788	49.97%
WRITE-IN	485	1.76%
Total Votes	27,595	
Precinct Results »		

School

YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS School Board Director, District No. 5

*Multi-county race. Results include only Pierce County.

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Karen (Kay) Anderson	135	17.76%
Linda Hale	142	18.68%
Bill Hauss	473	62.24%
WRITE-IN	10	1.32%
Total Votes	760	
Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »		

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 Director
Dist. 3

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Justin Evans	1,444	19.55%
Kevin Lewis	3,832	51.87%
Denis Caron	2,088	28.26%
WRITE-IN	24	0.32%
Total Votes	7,388	
Precinct Results »		

SUMNER-BONNEY LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 320 Director
Dist. 4

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Jason Bass	1,967	26.57%
Bill Gaines	2,454	33.14%
Paul Monsen	2,003	27.05%
Jeffrey Moon	956	12.91%
WRITE-IN	24	0.32%
Total Votes	7,404	
Precinct Results »		

DIERINGER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 343 Director Dist. 5

Candidate	Vote	Vote %
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Mark Pampe	688	41.17%
Megan Bearor	559	33.45%
Paul Gilmartin	420	25.13%
WRITE-IN	4	0.24%
Total Votes	1,671	
Precinct Results »		

EATONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 404 Director at Large Pos. 4 *Multi-county race. Results include only Pierce County.		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Corey Ackerman	945	36.46%
Karen Carr	951	36.69%
Kim Williams	680	26.23%
WRITE-IN	16	0.62%
Total Votes	2,592	
Multi-county Results » Precinct Results »		

Fire

GRAHAM FIRE & RESCUE Proposition No. 1		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	4,450	54.31%
No	3,743	45.69%
Total Votes	8,193	
Precinct Results »		

SOUTH PIERCE FIRE & RESCUE Proposition No. 1		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	1,855	52.17%
No	1,701	47.83%
Total Votes	3,556	

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 3 Proposition No. 1

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	9,318	61.95%
No	5,723	38.05%
Total Votes	15,041	

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 5 Proposition No. 1

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	8,557	61.71%
No	5,309	38.29%
Total Votes	13,866	

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 14 Proposition No. 1

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	149	61.32%
No	94	38.68%
Total Votes	243	

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 27 Proposition No. 1

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	442	72.58%
No	167	27.42%
Total Votes	609	

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 27 Proposition No. 2

Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	434	71.62%

No	172	28.38%
Total Votes	606	
Precinct Results »		

Park and Recreation

ANDERSON ISLAND PARK AND RECREATION DIST Proposition No. 1		
Measure	Vote	Vote %
Yes	435	71.31%
No	175	28.69%
Total Votes	610	
Precinct Results »		

PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT Commissioner Pos. 5		
Candidate	Vote	Vote %
Billy Sehmel	5,051	49.5%
Madelyn Hunter	1,810	17.74%
Steven M. Nielson	3,291	32.25%
WRITE-IN	52	0.51%
Total Votes	10,204	
Precinct Results »		